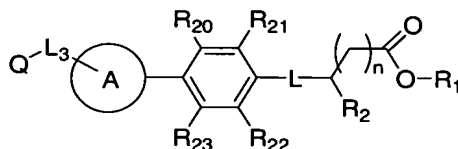


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the formula:



5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  
n is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R<sub>1</sub> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-  
C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-  
10 C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-S(O)<sub>b</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)  
alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) hydroxyalkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-  
heterocycloalkyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is  
optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the  
heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are  
15 optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups  
that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy,  
-SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;  
wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, and R<sub>23</sub> are independently H, arylalkoxy, arylalkyl,  
20 halogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-  
C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl)(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl), NH-aryl, NHC(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>  
alkyl)-aryl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-aryl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-  
C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-aryl, -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-aryl, or -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)SO<sub>2</sub>aryl, wherein  
each of the above aryl groups are optionally substituted  
25 with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>  
alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, haloalkyl,  
haloalkoxy;

L is -SO<sub>2</sub>NH-, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, -NH-SO<sub>2</sub>-, -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)SO<sub>2</sub>-, O,  
-C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-,  
30 -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl)-O-N=, or -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>  
alkyl)-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted  
with phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted

with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, absent, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-O-, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-, -C(O)-, -C(O)NH-, or -NHC(O)-;

the A-ring is aryl selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl and fluorenyl, or heteroaryl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;

Q is H, aryl, heteroaryl, -heteroaryl-alkyl, -aryl-heteroaryl, aryl-C(O)-aryl, aryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-aryl, heteroaryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-aryl, -heteroaryl-aryl, wherein the aryl group is a phenyl, naphthyl, or fluorenyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, arylalkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -C(O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, -C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-aryl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, haloalkyl or haloalkoxy.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-S(O)<sub>b</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) hydroxyalkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phthalimidyl,

-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl,  
 -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-morpholinyl, wherein the phthalimidyl,  
 piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or morpholinyl groups are  
 optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein said  
 5 phthalimidyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or morpholinyl  
 groups are, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally  
 substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are  
 independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-  
 C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkoxy;  
 10 wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;  
 and  
 Q is H, pyrido[1,2-a]indolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indolizinyl,  
 imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -phenyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)  
 alkyl-phenyl, -pyridyl-phenyl, fluorenyl, -fluorenyl-  
 15 pyridyl, -fluorenyl-phenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-  
 phenyl, -benzimidazolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, benzoxazolyl-  
 (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indolizinyl, benzofuranyl, -indolyl-  
 (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-benzoxazolyl, benzo[b]thienyl,  
 dibenzo[b,d]furan, phenyl, or dibenzothienyl, each of which  
 20 is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that  
 are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, carbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>  
 alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl;  
 wherein  
 R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl,  
 25 alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxy, carbonyl,  
 phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy, carbonyl, pyridyl, carbonyl, pyridyl,  
 piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, carbonyl, -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>,  
 -C(O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, -C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or  
 -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally  
 30 substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are  
 independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>,  
 OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub>  
 or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

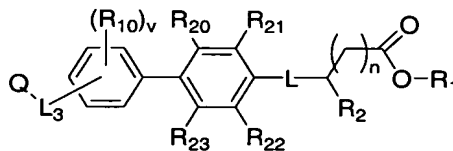
35 3. A compound according to claim 2, wherein

the A-ring is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrrolyl, furanyl, isoindolyl, or indolyl each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl; and

R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, and R<sub>23</sub> are independently H, phenylalkoxy, phenylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub>, OH, alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, NH-phenyl, NHC(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, or -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)SO<sub>2</sub>phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> haloalkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> haloalkoxy.

4. A compound according to claim 3, wherein L is -SO<sub>2</sub>NH-, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>, O, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkoxy.

5. A compound according to claim 4, of the formula



wherein  
R<sub>1</sub> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-  
 C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-S(O)<sub>v</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)  
 hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally  
 substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are  
 5 independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-  
 C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkoxy;  
 v is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;  
 R<sub>10</sub> at each occurrence is independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-  
 C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-  
 10 C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl; and  
 L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, absent, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, or -C(O)-.

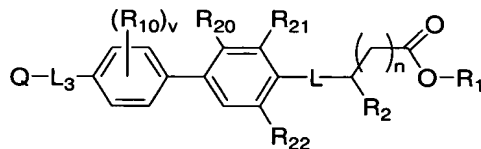
6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein  
 Q is H, pyrido[1,2-a]indolyl, indolyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine,  
 15 -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -phenyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl,  
 fluorenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indolizinyll,  
 benzofuranyl, -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-  
 benzoxazolyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]furan, phenyl,  
 or dibenzothienyl, each of which is optionally substituted  
 20 with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>  
 alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, carbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen,  
 haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein  
 R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl,  
 alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxy, carbonyl,  
 25 phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy, carbonyl, pyridyl, carbonyl, pyridyl,  
 pyrrolidinyl, carbonyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the  
 cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3,  
 or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>  
 alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-  
 30 C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

7. A compound according to claim 6, wherein  
 R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, wherein the  
 phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4

groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>; and  
 R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, and R<sub>23</sub> are independently selected from H, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl).

8. A compound according to claim 7, wherein  
 L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, or -C(O)-;  
 Q is indolyl, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indoliziny, benzofuranyl, -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]furan, phenyl, or dibenzothienyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein  
 R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, pyridyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

9. A compound according to claim 8 of the formula:



10. A compound according to claim 9, wherein  
 L is -SO<sub>2</sub>NH-, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl)-, or -SO<sub>2</sub>- wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are

independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> haloalkoxy.

11. A compound according to claim 10, wherein

5 R<sub>1</sub> is H;

R<sub>21</sub> is H, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or halogen; and

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, benzyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, wherein each phenyl group  
is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that  
are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, or  
10 -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

12. A compound according to claim 11, wherein

L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-;

Q is -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indoliziny, l,

15 benzofuranyl, dibenzo[b,d]furan, or dibenzothienyl, each of  
which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups  
that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, carbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-  
C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl;  
wherein

20 R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-  
C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl,  
alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, pyridyl,  
pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the  
cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3,  
25 or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>  
alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-  
C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

13. A compound according to claim 9, wherein

30 L is -O-.

14. A compound according to claim 13, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is H;

R<sub>21</sub> is H, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or halogen; and

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, wherein each phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

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15. A compound according to claim 14, wherein  
 L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-;  
 Q is indolyl, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indoliziny, benzofuranyl, or -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2,  
 10 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, carbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein  
 R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-  
 15 C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, pyridyl, carbonyl, pyrrolidinyl, carbonyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy,  
 20 NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

16. A compound according to claim 9, wherein  
 L is - C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-, -C(O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, -NH-,  
 25 or -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl groups are optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> haloalkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> haloalkoxy.

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17. A compound according to claim 14, wherein  
 L is - C(O)NH-, or -C(O)N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-;  
 R<sub>1</sub> is H;  
 R<sub>21</sub> is H, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or halogen.

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18. A compound according to claim 17

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, wherein each phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

19. A compound according to claim 18, wherein

L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-;

Q is indolyl, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indolizinyll, benzofuranyl, or -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

20. A compound according to claim 5, wherein

L is -NH-, or -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-.

21. A compound according to claim 20, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is H;

R<sub>21</sub> is H, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or halogen; and

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-S(O)<sub>b</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

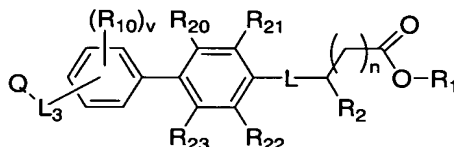
22. A compound according to claim 21, wherein

$L_3$  is a bond,  $-O-(C_1-C_4)\text{alkyl}$ , or  $-(C_1-C_4)\text{ alkyl}-$ ;

Q is indolyl,  $-\text{phenyl}-C(O)-\text{phenyl}$ ,  $-\text{benzofuranyl}-(C_1-C_4)\text{ alkyl}-$   
 5  $\text{phenyl}$ , indoliziny, benzofuranyl, or  $-\text{indolyl}-(C_1-C_4)\text{alkyl}-$   
 $\text{phenyl}$ , each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2,  
 3, or 4 groups that are independently  $C_1-C_6\text{ alkyl}$ ,  $C_1-C_4$   
 $\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$ ,  $C_1-C_6\text{ alkoxy}$ , halogen, haloalkyl,  
 haloalkoxy,  $NR_6R_7$ , or phenyl; wherein

10  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are independently H,  $C_1-C_6\text{ alkyl}$ ,  $\text{phenyl}(C_1-$   
 $C_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{alkanoyl}$ ,  $\text{phenyl}(C_1-C_4)\text{alkanoyl}$ ,  
 $\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$ ,  $\text{pyridylcarbonyl}$ ,  $\text{pyrrolidinylcarbonyl}$ ,  
 or  $-\text{SO}_2-\text{phenyl}$ , wherein the cyclic groups are  
 optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that  
 15 are independently halogen,  $C_1-C_4\text{ alkyl}$ ,  $C_1-C_4\text{ alkoxy}$ ,  
 $\text{NO}_2$ , OH,  $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{N}(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  
 $\text{CF}_3$  or  $\text{OCF}_3$ .

23. A compound according to claim 2, of the formula:



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wherein

$v$  is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

$R_{10}$  at each occurrence is independently halogen,  $C_1-C_4\text{ alkyl}$ ,  $C_1-$   
 $C_4\text{ alkoxy}$ ,  $C_1-C_4\text{ haloalkyl}$ ,  $C_1-C_4\text{ haloalkoxy}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}(C_1-$   
 25  $C_6)\text{alkyl}$ , or  $\text{N}(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}$ ; and

$L$  is  $-C(O)-(C_1-C_4)\text{ alkyl}-$ ,  $-(C_1-C_4)\text{ alkyl}-C(O)-$ , wherein the  
 $\text{alkyl}$  groups are optionally substituted with phenyl, which  
 is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that  
 are independently  $C_1-C_6\text{ alkyl}$ ,  $C_1-C_6\text{ alkoxy}$ , halogen, OH,  
 30  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $C_1-C_4\text{ haloalkyl}$ , or  $C_1-C_4\text{ haloalkoxy}$ .

24. A compound according to claim 23, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is H;

R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, and R<sub>23</sub> are independently selected from H, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl);

5 R<sub>21</sub> is H, NO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, or halogen; and

R<sub>2</sub> is phenyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phthalimidyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-morpholinyl, wherein the  
 10 phthalimidyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or morpholinyl groups are optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein said phthalimidyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or morpholinyl groups are, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy,  
 15 -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2.

25. A compound according to claim 21, wherein

L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-;

20 Q is indolyl, -phenyl-C(O)-phenyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indoliziny, benzofuranyl, -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, dibenzo[b,d]furan, or dibenzothienyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, carbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>  
 25 alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, or phenyl; wherein

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, alkanoyl, phenyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkanoyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, pyridyl, carbonyl, pyrrolidinyl, carbonyl,  
 30 or -SO<sub>2</sub>-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, CF<sub>3</sub> or OCF<sub>3</sub>.

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26. A compound according to claim 25, wherein  
R<sub>2</sub> is -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phthalimidyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-piperidinyl, -  
(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-morpholinyl,  
wherein the phthalimidyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or  
5 morpholinyl groups are optionally fused to a phenyl ring  
and wherein said phthalimidyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl,  
or morpholinyl groups are, the phenyl portion, or both are  
optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups  
that are independently halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy,  
10 -SO<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkyl, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)haloalkoxy.

27. A compound according to claim 26, wherein  
L<sub>3</sub> is a bond, -O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, or -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-;  
Q is indolyl, -benzofuranyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-phenyl, indolizinyll,  
15 benzofuranyl, -indolyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl-phenyl, or  
dibenzo[b,d]furan, each of which is optionally substituted  
with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>  
alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, halogen, CF<sub>3</sub> or  
OCF<sub>3</sub>.

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28. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound  
according to claim 1 and at least one pharmaceutically  
acceptable solvent, carrier, excipient or adjuvant.

25 29. A method of treating diabetes in a patient needing  
such treatment comprising administering a compound of claim 1 or  
a pharmaceutical composition of claim 28.

30 30. A compound according to claim 1 selected from the  
group consisting of

{[4'-[3-(benzylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl]biphenyl-4-  
yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;

{[4'-(5-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetic  
acid;

({4'-[3-(butylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 methyl ({4'-[(2-benzoylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
 methyl ({4'-[(2-benzylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
 methyl ({4'-[(9H-fluoren-2-yloxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
 methyl ({4'-[(3-benzoylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetate;  
 ({4'-[(3-benzoylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 ({4'-[(2-benzoylphenoxy)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 2-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;  
 {{4'-(1-butyldolizidin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 {4-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-6-yl)phenoxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 ({4'-[10-(ethoxycarbonyl)pyrido[1,2-a]indol-3-yl]biphenyl-4-yl}oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 {{4'-(1-benzofuran-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 {{4'-(1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 methyl {{4'-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-6-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}(phenyl)acetate;  
 4-(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-yl)-4-oxo-2-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-butyric acid  
 {{4'-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-6-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 {{4'-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 2-{{4'-(1-butyldolizidin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}oxy}propanoic acid;  
 N-{{4'-(1-butyldolizidin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}sulfonyl}phenylalanine;  
 N-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}sulfonyl}phenylalanine;  
 N-benzyl-N-{{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl}sulfonyl}glycine;

({[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}amino)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 (2R)-2-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;  
 (2S)-2-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)-4-phenylbutanoic acid;  
 ({4'-[(2-butyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 ethyl N-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalaninate;  
 N-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;  
 ethyl N-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)phenylalaninate;  
 N-([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)phenylalanine;  
 {[2'-(1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl-4-yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 ({4'-[(2-butyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)carbonyl]biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 methyl {[4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}(phenyl)acetate;  
 N-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)phenylalanine;  
 N-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;  
 ([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 ({[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl}amino)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 2-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy)propanoic acid;  
 ([4'-(1-butylindolizin-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]amino)(phenyl)acetic acid;  
 N-([4'-[(2-butyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;  
 N-([4'-[(2-butyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)methyl]biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl}-N-methylvaline;

2-benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]phenylalanine;

N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]-N-methyl-D-phenylalanine;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-fluorobiphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;

{[4'-(1-benzothien-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;

N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]-N-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-L-phenylalanine;

[(4'-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy}(phenyl)acetic acid;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-fluorobiphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}-N-methylphenylalanine;

[(4'-butyl-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl-4-yl)oxy](phenyl)acetic acid;

N<sup>2</sup>-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]glutamine;

4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]-2-[2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-2H-isoindol-2-yl)ethyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

[(4'-[(2-benzyl-7-fluoro-1-benzofuran-3-yl)carbonyl]biphenyl-4-yl)oxy](phenyl)acetic acid;

N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]methionine;

N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]serine;

N-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]alanine;

N-{4'-[(2-benzyl-7-ethoxy-1-benzofuran-4-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl}phenylalanine;

N-[4'-(2-benzyl-4-fluoro-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitrobiphenyl-4-yl]phenylalanine;

2-benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3,5-dimethylbiphenyl-4-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-3-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-2-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

N-{4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-[(phenylacetyl)amino]biphenyl-4-yl}phenylalanine;

4-[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)benzyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}-4-fluorophenylalanine;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}-4-fluoro-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}-3-fluorophenylalanine;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}-3-fluoro-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}-N-ethyl-4-fluorophenylalanine;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}leucine;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}alanine;

2-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)amino)butanoic acid;

4-(4-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-phenyl)-4-oxo-2-(3-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-butyric acid;

N-{[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}-N-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]leucine;

2-([4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl)[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino)butanoic acid;

methyl 4-(4'-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylbiphenyl-4-yl)-4-oxo-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]butanoate;

[4'-{[(9-oxo-9H-fluoren-1-yl)oxy]methyl}biphenyl-4-yl]oxy] (phenyl)acetic acid;

methyl {[4'-(1-benzofuran-2-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy} (phenyl)acetate;

{[4'-[3-(butylamino)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl]biphenyl-4-yl]amino} (phenyl)acetic acid;

{[4'-(1-benzothien-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy} (phenyl)acetic acid;

methyl {[4'-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]oxy} (phenyl)acetate;



ethyl ({[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]sulfonyl}amino)(phenyl)acetate;  
 methyl 2-(4-benzo[b]naphtho[2,3-d]furan-11-ylphenoxy)propanoate;  
 3-({[4'-(2-benzyl-1-benzofuran-3-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl}amino)butanoic acid;  
 N-{[4'-(5-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl}phenylalanine;  
 N-{[4'-(1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]carbonyl}-L-phenylalanine;  
 N-(3'-fluoro-3-nitro-1,1':4',1''-terphenyl-4-yl)phenylalanine;  
 2-benzyl-4-[4'-(1H-indol-1-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;  
 2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-nitro-biphenyl-4-ylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid;  
 4-(4'-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylbiphenyl-4-yl)-4-oxo-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]butanoic acid;  
 [(4'-dibenzo[b,d]thien-4-ylbiphenyl-4-yl)oxy](phenyl)acetic acid;  
 2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-fluoro-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid;  
 2-([4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-3-fluoro-biphenyl-4-sulfonyl]-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;  
 4-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl]-2-[2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-yl)-ethyl]-4-oxo-butyric acid;  
 2-Benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-3,5-dimethyl-biphenyl-4-yl]-4-oxo-butyric acid;  
 2-Benzyl-4-(4'-indol-1-yl-biphenyl-4-yl)-4-oxo-butyric acid;  
 2-Benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-3-yl]-4-oxo-butyric acid;  
 2-Benzyl-4-[4'-(2-benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-yl]-4-oxo-butyric acid;  
 4-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl]-2-(4-methanesulfonyl-benzyl)-4-oxo-butyric acid;  
 2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;  
 2-([4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonyl]-methyl-amino)-3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;  
 2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-3-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;  
 2-([4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonyl]-methyl-amino)-3-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;

2-{{[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonyl]-ethyl-amino}-3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-propionic acid;

2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-4-methyl-pentanoic acid;

2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-propionic acid;

2-[4'-(2-Benzyl-benzofuran-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino]-butyric acid;

2-(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-sulfonylamino)-phenyl-acetic acid;

2-{{[4-(2-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-benzenesulfonyl]-ethyl-amino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-ylmethoxyimino)-phenyl-acetic acid;

3-(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-ylmethoxyimino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

[4'-(5-Chloro-indol-1-yl)-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-phenyl-acetic acid;

(3-Chloro-4'-dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-acetic acid;

(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-2-methyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-acetic acid;

(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-3-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-acetic acid;

(2-Chloro-4'-dibenzofuran-4-yl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-acetic acid; and

(4'-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-2-trifluoromethyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-phenyl-acetic acid.